

## David James

David D. "Davie" James, 98, Bath, SD died Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at the Bethesda Home of Aberdeen. His funeral service was Monday, Sept. 2, 2002 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Columbia with the Rev. Wayne Tieszen officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Columbia under the direction of Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

Memorials are preferred to the Congregational United Church of Christ or to the Lakeview Cemetery, Columbia.

David D. James was born January 22, 1904 near Houghton, SD to John Owen and Alta Irene (Spencer) James. He was raised and attended school near Houghton. After school, he attended Agricultural School in Brookings, SD. He then returned to the family farm.

He was married to Mildred Katherine Weismantel on March 21, 1930 at Columbia. They then farmed in the Columbia area. They continued farming on the "James Corner". Mrs. James died on September 18, 1989. With the help of his family and caregivers he continued to live on the farm until May of 2002, when he moved to Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.

David was very active in the Shrine, especially the Shrine Circus, and was a member of the Yelduz Temple, the Scottish Rite and the Sunrise Lodge. He was also a member of the Cambria Township Board and held many church offices as well. He and his wife raised poultry for many years. They also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. He spent time fishing in Canada and was an avid gardener. He enjoyed playing cards in Columbia. He was known for his love for children. In later years, he enjoyed waving to his friends as they honked their horns when they drove by his house.

Survivors include one son, Derald (Pat) James of Bath, SD; one daughter, Darlys Kampa of Groton, SD; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John "Jack" and Alta James, his wife, Mildred, one son, Dwayne, one daughter, Jeanette, one son-in-law, Michael Kampa, four brothers and six sisters.

Casket bearers were his grandchildren: David Kampa, Dwight Kampa, Darwin Kampa, Derwin Kampa, Michael Kampa, Darlyne Daly, Brenda Johnson, Barb Everson and Bridget Lake.

Honorary casket bearers were all of his great-grandchildren and his great great granddaughter.

Ushers and greeters were Rita Kampa, Cheryl Kampa, Doug Daly, Allen Johnson, Pat Everson, John Lake and Will West.